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Art Unit: 3734

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## DETAILED ACTION

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Non-elected claims 1-3 without traverse have been canceled.

#### CLAIM 10:

- Line 2: before "throat", change "the" to -- a --.
- Line <sup>11</sup>~~12~~: after "outer", change "shaft" to -- housing --.
- Line <sup>21</sup>~~23~~: before "irrigating", change "the" to -- an --.
- Line <sup>27</sup>~~30~~: before "irrigating", change "an" to -- the --.
- Line <sup>37</sup>~~40~~: after "the", change "distal" to -- proximal --.

#### CLAIM 19:

- Line <sup>11</sup>~~12~~: after "outer", change "shaft" to -- housing --.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of reference has failed to disclose or suggest a method of performing surgery on a surgical site within a dry passage way including positioning an endoscope in the surgical site, an elongated